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For: VEHICLE FLOOR COVERING WITH INTEGRAL THREADED DRAIN TUBE
AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment before examining the present application, which is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/344,394 filed June 25, 1999.

In the Specification:

On page 1, after the title of the invention and before Field of the Invention, insert the following:

--Related Application

This application is a Divisional application of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/344,394 filed June 25, 1999.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-10, 16-21, and 27-31.

REMARKS

Applicants have cancelled Claims 1-10, 16-21, and 27-31 in the present divisional application, as indicated above. Claims 11-15, 22-26, and 32-34 are to be examined in the present divisional application. Entry of this Preliminary Amendment, examination of the application, and allowance of all the pending claims (Claims 11-15, 22-26, and 32-34) is respectfully requested.

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